

Christian Marriage On Friday, July 19 Kyle Zeamer and Katie Geiger were united in Christian Marriage. Please remember this new family in prayer!

Pastor Ott will be at Synod Convention from Monday through Thursday.

School Cleaning will be this Tuesday, 8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. and Wednesday, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and 4:00-8:00 p.m. Please join us when you are able.

School Registration packets are in the church basement. Please pick yours up today!

“One Another” Bible Class Next Sunday we will focus on “Forgive One Another.” These classes have proved very beneficial in the past. They speak to family life and congregational life. Please join us! We meet at 8:00 a.m. in the church basement.

The Believer Follows Christ is the eight week theme of worship. Today is week six. The remaining topics we will look at are:

Followers of Christ know that earthly wealth is meaningless

Followers of Christ find true treasure in trusting God’s promises

If you know of someone who could benefit from one of these topics in their walk with Jesus please invite them to join us!

The Voters set the times of worship at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. This will begin the Sunday after Labor Day. Bible Class and Sunday School will meet at 9:15 a.m.

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The believer prays boldly. The Prayer of the Day beautifully centers worship for this Sunday: God’s ears are open; let us then boldly ask for the blessings he promises.

Service: Evening Prayer (p. 52) Thursday
Recognition of a Private Baptism,
Word & Sacrament (p. 28) Sunday

Hymns: 412,(299 Sun.) 410, 742, 368, 413, 408

Prayer of the Day: O Lord, your ears are always open to the prayers of your humble servants, who come to you in Jesus’ name. Teach us always to ask according to your will that we may never fail to obtain the blessings you have promised; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

First Lesson: Genesis 18:20-32

There were just certain ways that things were done in the ancient East. This was not it. Abraham’s continued pressing of God for concessions would have seemed presumptuous to any earthly master. Yet Abraham was as bold as this when talking to God! On hearing of the Lord’s plans for wicked Sodom, Abraham shamelessly presses the Lord to live up to the meaning of his name. Our confidence is the same as we boldly come before our heavenly Father’s throne seeking his free and faithful grace. We come, then, knowing that our dear Father will answer our prayer in the way that is best for us. Though the Lord did not find even ten righteous ones living in Sodom, Lot and his daughters were ultimately saved.

Then the LORD said, “The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great and their sin so grievous that I will go down and see if what they have done is as bad as the outcry that has reached me. If not, I will know.”

The men turned away and went toward Sodom, but Abraham remained standing before the LORD. Then Abraham approached him and said: “Will you sweep away the righteous with the wicked? What if there are fifty righteous people in the city? Will you really sweep it away and not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous

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*Our mission is to
Glorify God
as we help people
Grow in the Gospel
and
Go with the Gospel*

Welcome! We thank



God that you have joined us at worship today.

Restrooms are located in the basement. Hearing loop headphones and Large Print Hymnals are available from an usher.

Today we gather together in the presence of God. He is present among us in a special way through his Word and Sacrament. We humbly acknowledge our sin and rejoice in the good news of forgiveness through the life and death of Christ. This is the focus of our worship.

people in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing—to kill the righteous with the wicked, treating the righteous and the wicked alike. Far be it from you! Will not the Judge of all the earth do right?”

The LORD said, “If I find fifty righteous people in the city of Sodom, I will spare the whole place for their sake.”

Then Abraham spoke up again: “Now that I have been so bold as to speak to the Lord, though I am nothing but dust and ashes, what if the number of the righteous is five less than fifty? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five people?”

“If I find forty-five there,” he said, “I will not destroy it.”

Once again he spoke to him, “What if only forty are found there?”

He said, “For the sake of forty, I will not do it.”

Then he said, “May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak. What if only thirty can be found there?”

He answered, “I will not do it if I find thirty there.”

Abraham said, “Now that I have been so bold as to speak to the Lord, what if only twenty can be found there?”

He said, “For the sake of twenty, I will not destroy it.”

Then he said, “May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak just once more. What if only ten can be found there?”

He answered, “For the sake of ten, I will not destroy it.”

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 6 (p. 66)

Second Lesson: [James 5:13-18](#)

C.S. Lewis said that in prayer God gives us the dignity of causality. Using the example of Elijah’s earnest prayers, James encourages a bold prayer life on behalf of others in keeping with the will of the Lord. The righteous are invited to boldly pray for the sick in both body and soul, and God promises to hear those prayer of men made righteous and to respond with forgiveness and healing. Such dignity God gives us! No wonder James can make such a sweeping statement: Is any of you in trouble? He should pray.

Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

Elijah was a human being, even as we are. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops

Gospel: [Luke 11:1-13](#)

The disciples came to Jesus looking for help in learning to pray. Jesus responds coupling the spiritual-gift petitions of the Lord’s Prayer with examples of the boldness with which our Father invites us to ask, seek, and knock. Rooted in the Word, these requests come from hearts of faith that have been taught to seek not only what we need but even what we want. Our confidence is this: we can come again and again before our Father’s throne of grace knowing that every good and perfect gift comes from our dear Father to his dear children.

One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his

disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.”

He said to them, “When you pray, say:

“‘Father,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins,

for we also forgive everyone who sins against us.

And lead us not into temptation.”

Then Jesus said to them, “Suppose you have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer him.’ And suppose the one inside answers, ‘Don’t bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can’t get up and give you anything.’ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity he will surely get up and give you as much as you need.

“So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

“Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

Sermon:

[Genesis 18:20-32](#)

**The Believer Follows Christ
Followers of Christ Pray Boldly**

Trusting in God’s grace

Submitting to God’s will

Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace:

Worship: 260 (23, 237) **Bible Class:** 44

Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	School Cleaning (until 8:00 p.m.)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	School Cleaning (until 1:00 p.m. & 4:00-8:00)
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Worship
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	“One Another” Study, church basement
	9:00 a.m.	Worship

Thank you Mr. Pingel for leading us in worship on Thursday. Pastor Ott will return on Friday evening.

Communion is a part of worship on Sunday. Because God speaks of communing together as an expression of unity in faith we practice closed communion. ELS/WELS members are welcome to commune with us. Visitors, please speak with Pastor Ott before communing.

Baptism Affirmation On Sunday we will have the Baptism Affirmation of Hannah Lorayne Jean Stepien. Hannah is the daughter of Justin and Patty Stepien. She was born on June 26 and baptized into Christ on June 29. Please remember Hannah and her family in your prayers!